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Classification No. 100-2211

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ASSIGN P. D.
SEPARATE JACKET
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Date 11/3/43

Sub. is employed by Wages + Hours Division of Dept of Labor, Weldon Pelz, she is active in local 9. U.F.W.A. W. Wight, Jr. 2-7-44

Re Vivian Dahl
(Name)
321 So. 22nd St.
223 So. 22nd St.
(Address)

(Phone Number)

SECURITY MATTER - C
PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

A review of the Sub-A Logs in the Philadelphia Field Office reveals information which indicates that the above captioned person is a member of the Communist Party or is engaged in activities strongly evidencing actual Party membership. It is, therefore, recommended that a file be opened on this individual.

JOHN B. O'LEARY
Special Agent

MF

100-22,727-1

Wife of Leif DAHL
subject of * 100-4898
who is presently in Army.
She is mentioned in above file
Separate case should be opened
HMA.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
NOV 8 1943

HMA

Date Received .....

From.....
(Name of contributor)

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(Address of contributor)

By ..... N. S. Harzenstein
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )
No (X)

Description: 1 Security Index Card of Vivian Dahl

File No.... 100-22727 -/A'

DAHL, VIVIAN NATIVE BORN COMMUNIST ✓

100-22727-1A'

335 South 18th St.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Res.)

1630 Widener Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Bus.)

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
Ward 7

Form No. MPGF-42—9-27-41—25M

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR POLICE

FILE NO. 4-A-1470

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

OF: Pfc. Charles G. Moody, Troop "A" State Police.

SUBJECT: VIVIAN DAHL (nee WILL) 100-22727 100-4898

TYPE: Communist

PLACE: Philadelphia, Pa.

DATE: February 21, 1944

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

BASIC INFORMATION

NAME: Vivian Dahl

ALIAS: Vivian Will ( )

DESCRIPTION:

AGE	33 yrs (1944)
HEIGHT	5'4"
WEIGHT	125 lbs
BUILD	Well
COMPLEXION	Light
HAIR	Brown
EYES	Brown
NATIONALITY	Jewish
LEGITIMATE OCCUPATION	Organizer & Inspector
EDUCATION	College
MARRIED OR SINGLE	Married
RELIGION	Hebrew
BIRTHPLACE	Beatrice, Nebraska - February 6, 1911
RESIDENCE	335 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
CITIZENSHIP	Yes
MARKS OR SCARS	unknown

PHOTOGRAPH:

NO.....TROOP " " PA. MOTOR POLICE PA. SQD.
NO.....P. D.....
NO.....PRISON.....
(Name)

BUREAU NO.:

.....TROOP " " PA. MOTOR POLICE PA. SQD.
.....B. C. I., PMP, HARRISBURG, PA.
.....F. B. I., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FEB 29 1944
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
ROUTED TO: Parrish FILE

INITIAL REPORT: NO.

FINGERPRINTS: CLASS.....REF.....

ON FILE AT:

HANDWRITING: Specimen of handwriting on file at Voters Permanent Registration 14th Floor, City Hall Annex. Also on file with Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

100-22727-2

CRIMINAL RECORD SHEET: Subject was arrested in Camden, N.J. Case #22045 - July 14, 1938 - slated as Vivian Dahl, North Bristol, Philadelphia, Pa., age 27 yrs.
Charge:- Serving circulars without a permit and Disorderly Conduct.
Disposition:- July 21, 1938 - Circular charge $10.00 or 10 days:- Disorderly Conduct $5.00 or 5 days.
Card is marked paid.
On July 25th, the case was petitioned for review. After the hearing on August 30, 1938 the decision was reversed and the conviction set aside in both charges. The hearing was held before Judge Baldwin, Common Pleas Court.

Subject was arrested in Bridgeton, N.J. in 1938.
Charge:- Inciting a riot
Disposition:- unknown

In subject's defense at Bridgeton, N.J., both the Civil Liberties Union and the Industrial Labor Defense both participated in on her defense.

No record of any arrest in Philadelphia or Chester, Pa., were found according to a search made by the Detective Bureau.

HISTORY: Subject was born February 6, 1911 at Beatrice, Nebraska. Little is known of her early background and history other than her parents owned a large farm in her native state. This is where subject first obtained her idea about Agricultural organizing.

EDUCATION:

Grammar School	1923
High School	1927
University of Nebraska	September, 1929 to April, 1933.

EMPLOYMENT:

Cross Road School District, Arnold, Nebraska - Teacher
September, 1927 to June, 1929 - $1200 per year.
C. E. Jones, Chapaugua - Beatrice, Nebraska - Business Manager - June, 1928 to September, 1928 and June, 1929 to September, 1929 - $1600 per year.
Farm Research Bureau, Washington, D.C. - Statistician and Field Investigator - April, 1933 to April, 1934 $1200 per year.
Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, Washington, D.C. Organizer - April, 1934 to April, 1935 - $1200
Campbells Soup Company, Camden, N.J. - Packer
August, 1935 to September, 1935 - $1200 per year
Pregnancy and Child Care - September, 1935 to June, 1937
Cumberland Clothing Co., Vineland, N.J. - Piece worker
January, 1937 to June, 1937
Tri Valley Packing Co., Modesto, California - Packer
September, 1937 to October, 1937 - $1200 per yr
C. I. O. San Francisco, California - Investigator
October, 1937 to October 30, 1937 - $1200 per yr.

Employment:

HISTORY: American Federation of Teachers, Philadelphia, Pa. - Organizer
March, 1938 to February, 1939 - $2400 per year.
U.S. Government - Wage & Hour Division, 1630 Widener Building,
Philadelphia, Pa. - Inspector
August 7, 1939 to present date - $3200 per year.

Subject received her probational appointment April 15, 1940 and she was promoted to senior inspector February 16, 1941.

PREVIOUS ADDRESSES:

Beatrice, Nebraska
Modesto, California
San Francisco, California
State & Chestnut Streets, Landis Township, Vineland, N.J.
West Landis Avenue, Bridgeton, N.J.
3170-B Westfield Avenue, Camden, N.J.
Carl Mackley Apt. House, Apt. 323 - E & Bristol St, Philadelphia
4822 N. Bouvier Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
321 S. 22nd Street, "
223 S. 22nd Street, "
335 S. 18th Street, 100-4898 " 1st floor Apt. (present address)

Subject married Lief DAHL (a Communist, born May 23, 1908 at Sioux City, Iowa) on February 8, 1933 at Lincoln, Nebraska. As a result of this union one child, a son, named Peter, was born in October, 1938 at Camden, N.J.

Subject has traveled extensively throughout the United States as can readily be seen by her employment record, as an organizer, and is well known in the trade union circles of Minneapolis, Trenton and Camden. She traversed thecountry in the interests of the Communist Party and did considerable work in organizing workers into unions. She was on the pay roll of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers C.I.O. union.

Subject is a very clean cut sort of person, in her habits. She is married and believed happily so. She is separated from her husband a good deal of time who was an organizer for the C.I.O. She is quite interested in the C.I.O. Federal organization. She is a very attractive girl and when she starts to explain something she is very convincing in her manner. She has a fine analytical mind and a very nice manner of cooperation. She is a good thinker. She is not emotional. She tries to think a thing out. She is very stable. She has a sense of humor, that is a big balance with anybody. She is able to handle difficult situations and she has the respect of the people who work for her. She seems to have the ability for speaking to the common sort of people, that is with literate and illiterate people. She is well educated and well versef in the doctrine of Marxism and would be among the leaders rather than the followers of the Communist Party. Her appearance does not coincide with that of the rank and file Communist and should, therefore, not be considered as such.

Subject stated she was employed from March, 1938 to February, 1939, as an organizer at $2400 per years by the American Federation of Teachers, Philadelphia, Pa., under Mrs. Mary Foley GROSSMAN. 100-85358 - very mem. ref.

HISTORY: Subject's job was to organize locals throughout the State of Pennsylvania, and some of her work was done in Pittsburg, Pa. It has been said, in this connection, that she was well acquainted with a Mr. BERKOWITZ, connected with the Communist Party and the Workers' School in Pittsburg, and that she associated with known Communist Party organizers to the extent of being a guest in their homes while she was working in Pittsburg. She seemed to spend her time with the Communist in Pittsburg rather than with the State Federation people.

No one was located who was closely associated with subject during her employment by the American Federation of Teachers. However, it appears to be the general consensus of opinion of those who knew of her position, that she is a Communist. This conclusion is based on the reasoning that Mrs. GROSSMAN would not have hired her for organization work, unless she was sure that subject was of the same political belief as herself. In so far as Mrs. GROSSMAN'S connection with the Party are concerned, no concrete evidence is offered, except that her policies and activities as President of the local American Federation of Teachers organization over a period of years, adhered strictly to the Party lines. This statement is also supported by the charges made against this union at the time its charter was revoked by national referendum. All persons consulted concerning this matter gave as their positive conviction that Mrs. GROSSMAN is not only a Communist, but stands loyal in the party council. These people are apparently very well educated and are essentially liberals. At a convention of the American Federation of Teachers held in Pittsburg, Mrs. GROSSMAN was invited to deny she is a Communist, but declined to do so.

Philadelphia Local 192 of the American Federation of Teachers has been ousted from the National Organization by a referendum of the members for the reason that it is considered to be Communist dominated.

Subject was employed by the Cumberland Clothing Company, Vineland, N.J., from the last week of January 1937 through the third week of June, 1937. She was employed as a piece worker and did not receive full time work. For the entire period of employment she was paid $191.13. She was a very nice young lady above average intelligence. She was really more suitable and better qualified in a supervisory capacity. Her exact reason for leaving was because her family moved to California.

On May 26, 1942 a secret meeting of certain members of the Communist Party was held at the home of Vivian Dahl, 321 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia. Joe Dougher, known Communist and close associate of the subject and her husband attended this meeting. On another occasion an "very important" meeting was held at Vivian Dahl house at 223 S. 22nd Street on July 30, 1942. Known Communist who attended this meeting were Joe Dougher, Paul Boylan, Frank Blin, and Oliver Boutte of the National Maritime Union. Ralph Hlick, organizer for steel industry of the Communist Party in Pennsylvania requested Vivian Dahl to hold another meeting at her home on October 18, 1942. However, it was not determined whether this meeting was actually held or who attended this meeting.

HISTORY: It seems well established that members of the Communist Party are customarily not well known, are that they keep their activities veiled through the activities of persons 'fronting' for them and in recent years have avoided any publicity or any other means by which they could be identified with the party.

Subject was formerly a member of the American Federation of Teachers; Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, United Cannery Agricultural Packing and Allied Workers of America.

When the D.P.A. people were dismissed subject had been approached for a contribution to help in their defense.

Subject registered on September 25, 1940 as a Democrat. She gave as her last address Vineland, N.J. At that time she stated she has lived one month in the district and two years in Pennsylvania. On March 31, 1942 her name was placed in the strike off file for failing to vote for two years.

Subject again registered on September 28, 1943 as a Democrat, gave as her address 335 S. 18th Street and said she has lived for one year in the district and five years in the state.

RELATIVES: Leif Dahl, (husband) 335 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. now in the U.S. Army.
Peter Dahl, (son) 335 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia.

HABITS: She has never been accused of any improper conduct or habits.

HANGOUTS: 335 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia
Room 1630, Widener Building, Philadelphia

METHOD OF OPERATION: Organize workers into unions. Traveled the country in the interest of the Communist Party in her organization work.

AMUSEMENTS: unknown

ASSOCIATES: 100-2521-1
Fred Berkowitz, Alias "Fred Abbott" Collins Avenue, East End, Pittsburg, Pa.
Milton Krochman, Pittsburg, Pa. (well known Communist)
Mary Foley Grossman, 2302 Delancy Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sara T. Walsh, 2042 Pine Street, "
Ralph Glick, U.S. Army
Donald Henderson, Vineland, N.J. Communist Party organizer
Samuel Schachter, 100-660 1643 N. Marshall St, Philadelphia, Pa.
George Powers, 100-15 & 14 3718 Spring Garden St, "
Sam Darcy, 6419 Morris Park Rd, "
Paul Boylan, 5019 N. Mervine St, "
Dr. Jules Segal, Carl Mackley Apt. M & Bristol St, Phila.
Mrs. Jules Segal, Carl Mackley Apt. "
Joe Dougher, 26 Howard Street, Wilkes Barre, Pa.
Ike Kastrow, 26 Howard Street, "

Check indexes of persons listed.
100-660 num. ref.
num. of 100-2982
100-19627
93-4100
num. references
19935
George Powers 100-22,070

AUTOMOBILE: Subject does not have a car.

CORRESPONDENTS: unknown

LAWYER: unknown

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Salary as Inspector is $3200 per year. Pays $80.00 per month rent for apartment.

CREDIT RATING: Good

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS: Pennsylvania Teachers Magazine, dated November 30, 1938 under News for School. Articles stated that Vivian Dahl would be in the vincity of Erie, Pa. to organize local teachers unions.

REMARKS: none.

Director, FBI

April 12, 1944

SAC, Philadelphia

VIVIAN DAHL
SECURITY MATTER - C

This Office is in receipt of an investigation made by the Pennsylvania State Police regarding the subject, VIVIAN DAHL, indicating that she is active in organizing and working in the Communist Party in this area.

The report is as follows:

Subject was born February 6, 1911, at Beatrice, Nebraska. She attended grammar school in 1923, high school in 1927, and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1933. She has been employed as a teacher, statistician and investigator, organizer, piece worker, packer, investigator, and is presently employed by the United States Government in the Wage and Hour Division, 1630 Widener Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as an inspector. Employment began with this Division on August 7, 1939.

Subject has lived in Nebraska, California, New Jersey, and various parts of Pennsylvania, and presently resides at 335 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She is married to LIEF DAHL, who was under investigation by this Office as an active member of the Communist Party, but who is now in the United States Army.

Subject has traveled extensively throughout the United States, and her employment record indicates that she is an organizer, and is well known in trade union circles of Minneapolis, Trenton, and Camden, New Jersey. She has done considerable work in organizing workers into unions, and she was on the payroll of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers, CIO, Union.

Report indicates that the subject has been arrested on several occasions for charges of serving circulars without a permit, disorderly conduct, and inciting a riot, and on one occasion, paid a ten-dollar fine for disorderly conduct.

The subject was employed from March, 1938, to February, 1939, as an organizer for the American Federation of Teachers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under Mrs. MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN. Her job was to organize locals throughout the State of Pennsylvania, and some of her work was done in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has been known to associate with known Communist Party organizers to the extent of being a guest in their homes while she was working in Pittsburgh.

Close on this

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Director, FBI 4-12-44

It appears to be the general consensus of opinion of those who know of her position that she is a Communist. This conclusion is based upon the reasoning that Mrs. GROSSMAN would not have hired her for organization work unless she was sure that the subject was of the same political belief as herself. All persons consulted concerning this matter gave as their positive conviction that Mrs. GROSSMAN is not only a Communist, but stands loyal in the Party council; and at a convention of the American Federation of Teachers held in Pittsburgh, Mrs. GROSSMAN was invited to deny she was a Communist, but declined to do so.

A list of the subject's friends and associates was furnished in the report by the Pennsylvania State Police, and these names have been checked through the indices of the Philadelphia Field Division. Of the names listed, the majority indicate that they have been investigated by this Office as Communists, or are presently under investigation by this Office.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advises that meetings have been held at the residence of VIVIAN DAHL. One meeting was held in May of 1942, one on July 30, 1942, and one on October 12, 1942.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that the subject has been in communication with the Communist Party as late as February 7, 1944. These Informants indicate that the subject has been very active in the Communist Party in the Philadelphia area.

In view of the fact that the subject is employed by the United States Government, no investigation is being made by this Office. It is pointed out, however, that there may be a possibility that a Hatch Act investigation could be instituted. No investigation will be conducted unless advised to the contrary.

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May 13, 1944.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: VIVIAN DAHL
INTERNAL SECURITY
HATCH ACT

The annual convention of the Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council - CIO was held at York, Pennsylvania, from April 18th to 20th, inclusive, 1944. The Agents at York who covered the activities of the Communist Party during the convention advised that VIVIAN DAHL was present as a representative of the Wages and Hours Bureau.

Following the convention, [redacted] who was present, advised the writer that he was acquainted with VIVIAN DAHL and had seen her at the convention. The Informant knew that VIVIAN DAHL had been active in the Communist Party as recently as 1942 and that meetings of Party members were held at her apartment. He had received some of this information from PAUL BOYLAN, a former Party member, who had actually attended some of the meetings. (It is believed that BOYLAN is no longer a member of the Party but he should not be contacted as a potential witness since it is not believed that he would be willing to furnish information directly to this Bureau.)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Boylan will now give info 8/27/48 [illegible]

After LIEF DAHL, VIVIAN's husband, went into the Army, VIVIAN apparently ceased to be active in the Communist Party and the Informant claims he heard someplace that LIEF DAHL also had soured on the Party.

At York the Informant was able to observe VIVIAN DAHL. Her duties at the convention consisted of handing out literature of the Wages and Hours Bureau. She stopped at the Colonial Hotel. Informant says that as far as he was able to observe, persons who were known to him to be Communist and who might reasonably be expected to know VIVIAN DAHL and to be friendly with her if she were still a member of the Party, showed no signs of fraternizing with her, so that he now has some doubt as to whether VIVIAN DAHL has retained her Party membership.

On May 5, 1944, Informant said that he had learned that VIVIAN DAHL was now under transfer and that she would depart from Philadelphia permanently on June 15, 1944. It is, therefore, suggested that this case be assigned immediately for investigation so that it can be given necessary attention before the date of VIVIAN DAHL's departure.

NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN
Special Agent

NSH:HK
100-22727

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

May 15, 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE No. 100-298333

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

DAHL, Vivian 100-22727* NATIVE BORN COMMUNIST

335 South 18th St.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Res.)

1630 Widener Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Bus.)

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Card prepared
mjm

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
MAY 16 1944
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100-22727-5

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

100-298333

TO : SAC, Philadelphia DATE: June 3, 1944

FROM : J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: VIVIAN DAHL
Wage and Hour Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Reference is made to your letter dated April 12, 1944, your file 100-22727.

In view of the information which you have received, you are authorized to institute an immediate investigation in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 14 of the National Defense Manual.

If it is determined that the subject is no longer employed by the Federal Government, the Bureau should be advised by letter and the investigation, in so far as it pertains to Section 9-A of the Hatch Act, should be discontinued.

The investigative reports in cases of this character are submitted to the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations and the employing agency. They must be prepared carefully and promptly.

No inquiry whatsoever should be made regarding this employee's union activities and the fact that she formerly did organizing work for the Agricultural and Cannery Workers, C.I.O., Union.

NEW CASE
OPEN
REOPEN
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ASSIGN P. D.
SEPARATE JACKET
RET TICKLER

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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DIRECTOR, FBI

JULY 7, 1944

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

VIVIAN DAHL
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT
BUREAU FILE #100-298333

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 3, 1944 in the above captioned matter, in which a Hatch Act investigation of this individual was authorized.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, has advised that in a conversation with HAROLD COLLINS, Director of the Philadelphia School of Social Science, which is the Philadelphia workers' school, controlled by the local Communist Political Association, Mrs. DAHL advised that she was leaving for San Francisco on June 10, where she could be reached through the Department of Labor. In this conversation, Mrs. DAHL did not indicate how long she expected to remain in San Francisco.

For the information of the San Francisco Field Division, it is to be noted that this field division had previously ascertained that it was the general consensus of opinion of those who know Mrs. DAHL that she is a Communist and that prior to her departure for San Francisco, she had been employed in the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, 1630 Widener Building, Philadelphia, as an inspector and had been so employed since August 7, 1939.

The San Francisco Field Division is requested to ascertain whether or not Mrs. DAHL presently resides in San Francisco, and whether or not she is still employed by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

JMD:msf
100-22727

cc: SAN FRANCISCO

Case being carried as unassigned pending receipt of information from San Francisco.
7-13-44

Reviewed 7/18/44 Re B.B #40 - 1944
No change to be made in status
until receipt of above

100-22727-7

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

100-298333

TO : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: August 17, 1944

FROM : John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: VIVIAN DAHL 100-10595-32
Wage and Hour Division
Department of Labor
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Reference is made to Philadelphia letter dated June 7, 1944 in which the San Francisco Office was requested to determine if the subject was still employed by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

The San Francisco Office is directed to cover this lead and advise the Bureau and Philadelphia in the immediate future so that this case may be appropriately handled. Upon receipt of information showing that the subject is employed and resides in San Francisco, the Bureau should be requested to designate that office as the office of origin.

cc - San Francisco

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100-22527-8

July 22, 1944

MEMO, SAC:

Re: Mrs Vivian Dahl
SECURITY MATTER - C

In Bureau letter to all offices dated March 4, 1944, No. 58, Series 1944, re COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A., which letter was strictly confidential, the following is contained. (Philadelphia File 100-1502-1576).

"In December, 1942, the Communist Party on a national basis inaugurated a plan whereby Party members could subscribe to the 'DAILY WORKER' at reduced rates. This plan was known as the 'DAILY WORKER PRESS CLUB PLAN', and was actually placed in operation on January 1, 1943 . . .

"There is sufficient data in the files of the Bureau, obtained from various confidential and reliable sources, to show that this special offer on the part of the Party was open to Communist Party members only. In other words, it follows from the information available that every member of the 'DAILY WORKER PRESS CLUB' is also a member of the Communist Party."

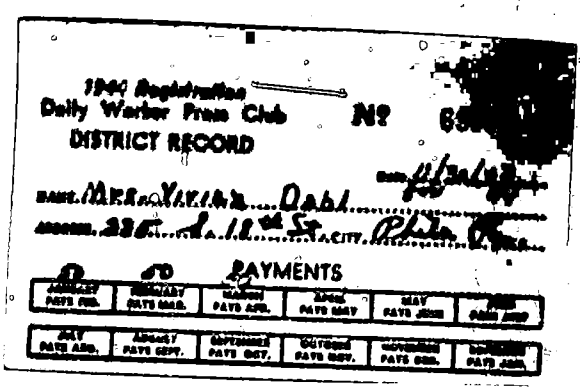
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

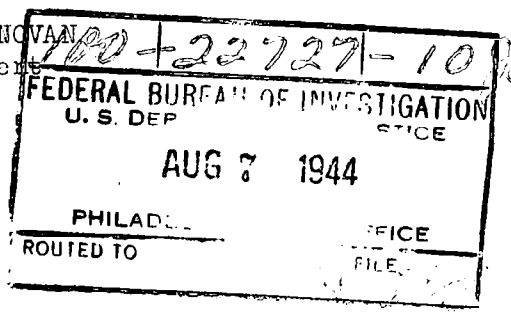
On April 2, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, made available to Special Agents RICHARD W. WRIGHT, WARD WIGHT, and the writer, photographic copies of the District record of the 1944 registration in the DAILY WORKER PRESS CLUB of the above-named individual. One of these photographic copies is hereto attached and the other is being retained in Philadelphia File 100-1502-1A-396. The original from which these photographs were taken was in the possession of the Headquarters COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A., District #3, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

In furnishing this information to outside agencies, extreme care should be exercised not to disclose the source of the information to outside agencies.

In the event no master file exists in regard to the above-named individual, it is suggested that one be opened hereon.

JOHN M. DONOVAN
Special Agent





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

FILE NO. 101-147

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	8/16/44	8/10,11/44	ROBERT LEO BRUGGEMAN lew

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL nw see att. list Wage Rate Analyst, National War Labor Board	HATCH ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. DAHL presently employed by the National War Labor Board, 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, California, as a wage rate analyst in Grade P-3, $3800.00 per annum. Mrs. DAHL resides at 1372 Filbert Street, San Francisco.

-R.U.C.-

REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-298333.
Letter from the Special Agent in Charge, Phialadelphia, to the Bureau, dated 7/7/44.

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APPROVED AND FILED ..... SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AUG 25 1944
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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Confidential Informant T-1 made available Mrs. DAHL's personnel file at the National War Labor Board, 1355 Market Street, which revealed the following information:

Mrs. DAHL had been employed by the National War Labor Board as a wage rate analyst with a P-3 rating at $3800.00 per annum. Mrs. DAHL began her employment on August 4, 1944, in the above capacity.

According to Confidential Informant T-1, Mrs. DAHL's duties as a wage rate analyst will be to analyze cases submitted to the National War Labor Board for adjustment and will make recommendation to her Section Chief for the action which she deems appropriate. Mrs. DAHL's activities will be in connection with the wage stabilization program.

Mrs. DAHL indicated on her application that she had formerly been employed in the Division of Labor Standards of the Department of Labor at 442 Flood Building, San Francisco, California, and had also been formerly employed in the Division of Labor Standards at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as conditions representative from February 1944 to July 1944.

Mrs. DAHL was born on February 6, 1911 at Beatrice, Nebraska, and attended the University of Nebraska from 1929 to 1933 but did not receive a degree.

Mrs. DAHL on her application stated that she had been arrested in the summer of 1934 at Bridgeton, New Jersey, for disorderly conduct (Union activity). She stated she was released on a writ of habeas corpus in which the judge held th t she had been illegally arrested and unlawfully held. Mrs. DAHL further stated that in the summer of 1938 she had been arrested at Camden, New Jersey, for distributing Union literature. She stated that the statute under which she had been arrested was later held to be unconstitutional.

Mrs. DAHL presently resides at 1372 Filbert Street, San Francisco, Califor ia.

Confidential Informant T-1 did not know Mrs. DAHL personally and was unable to make any statements concerning her reputation or activities in San Francisco.

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SOURCE SHEET

Confidential Informant T-1 - Mr. MAURICE LIPIAN,
Director of Administrative
Management, 1355 Market Street,
San Francisco, California.

The above was designated as a confidential informant in order to protect his identity.

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100-298333

SAC, San Francisco September 9, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL
National War Labor Board
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT
Your file 101-147

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Robert Leo Bruggeman, dated August 16, 1944 at San Francisco, California, in which it is set forth that the subject is employed and resides in San Francisco.

As a result of this information, the San Francisco Office is being designated as the office of origin and Philadelphia is directed to furnish all available information concerning this subject to the San Francisco Office and to conduct what other investigation may be logical. Leads should be set out to the offices covering the places of arrest of the subject, inasmuch as information may be available that the subject was arrested for Communistic activities.

The San Francisco Office should caution auxiliary offices that inquiry in this matter should be restricted to Communist activity and no inquiry should be made regarding her union activity and the fact that she formerly was an organizer for the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, C.I.O.

cc - Philadelphia (your file 100-22727)

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September 21, 1944

MEMO, SAC

Re: VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL,
Wage Rate Analyst, National War Labor Board
HATCH ACT

As of September 11, 1944, this file has been reviewed, log serials repaired, all serials are in order and properly initialed, and all index references and log references have been reviewed.

The following file references are identical and should be consolidated on the master file card for MRS. DAHL:

100-8527-273, p. 2

100-10595-32, p. 76

100-1529-64, p. 26, 77, 81, 82

100-11733-24

100-5473-52, p. 22

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All log references should also be consolidated on the same card.

ROBERT H. DREHER
Special Agent

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL, Wage Rate Analyst, National War Labor Board	HATCH ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

VIVIAN DAHL born 2-6-11, Beatrice, Nebraska, educated in Nebraska; employed as teacher, statistician, investigator and organizer. Formerly employed U. S. Government Wage and Hour Division, Phila., 8-7-39 to 6-9-44. Married to LIEF DAHL, former active Communist now in U. S. Army. VIVIAN DAHL traveled extensively in U.S. and employed as organizer for American Federation of Teachers by MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, known Communist, 1938 and 1939. Associated with known Communists in Philadelphia and held some Communist meetings in apartment. Member "Daily Worker" Press Club 1943 and 1944. Departed Philadelphia for San Francisco 6-10-44 for employment U.S. Department of Labor. DAHL arrested in New Jersey 1938.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File No. 100-298333.
Bureau letter to San Francisco, September 9, 1944.
Report of Special Agent Robert Leo Bruggeman, dated 8-16-44 at San Francisco.

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the following information regarding VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL:

She was born February 6, 1911 at Beatrice, Nebraska, and, while the informant did not know particulars of her early background and history, stated that her parents had owned a large farm in Nebraska. She attended grammar and high school in Nebraska and in September 1929 entered the University of Nebraska, studying there until April 1933. She did not receive a degree according to informant.

Her first position was as a teacher in the Cross Road School District, Arnold, Nebraska, from September 1927 to June 1929. She was employed by C. E. JONES, Chapaugua, Beatrice, Nebraska, as a business manager in the summer months between school sessions. From April 1933 to April 1934, she worked in the Farm Research Bureau, Washington, D. C. as a Field Investigator and Statistician, and from April 1934 for one year she was associated with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee in Washington, D. C. From August 1935 until September 1935, she was a piece worker for Cambell Soup Company at Camden, N. J., and from September 1935 to June 1937, she was associated with "Pregnancy and Child Care". She was then employed by the Cumberland Clothing Company, Vineland, N. J. as a piece worker for six months ending June 1937. She went to work for the Tri Valley Packing Company, Modesto, Cal. as a packer from September to October 1937. In October, she was employed by the C.I.O., San Francisco as an Investigator. She returned to Philadelphia and was employed by MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN as an Organizer in the American Federation of Teachers from March 1938 to February 1939. On August 7, 1939, she returned to the employ of the United States Government in the Wage and Hour Division, 1630 Widener Building, Philadelphia, Pa., where she remained until June 10, 1944.

Subject is married to LIEF DAHL, who was, until his induction into the United States Army, an active Communist in Philadelphia. She married him on February 8, 1933 at Lincoln, Nebraska. They have a son named PETER born October 1938 at Camden, N. J.

Informant added that MRS. DAHL was very neat and clean in her habits and appearance and believed her to be happily married although she is at present separated from her husband. She was described as having a very analytical mind, unemotional and very stable. Informant stated that she was well versed in Marxist doctrines and would appear to be among the leaders in the Communist Party rather than of the rank and file. In this connection her employment by MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN was pointed out by the informant as being significant inasmuch as at a convention of the American Federation of Teachers in Pittsburgh, Pa. MRS. GROSSMAN declined to deny that she was a Communist, and it was felt by the informant that MRS. GROSSMAN, having employed MRS. DAHL, would naturally employ someone as an Organizer for the Teachers Federation who was in accord with her, MRS. GROSSMAN's, political outlook.

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In this latter connection further, Philadelphia Local 192 of the American Federation of Teachers was ousted from the National Organization by a referendum of the members because it was considered to be Communist dominated.

Informant reported a meeting at the home of VIVIAN DAHL, which at that time was 321 South 22d Street, Philadelphia, on May 26, 1942, at which time JOE DOUGHER, a known Communist and close associate of MRS. DAHL and her husband, attended. This meeting was confirmed by Confidential Informant T-5.

Further, on July 30, 1942, while MRS. DAHL was living at 223 South 22d Street, Philadelphia, a meeting was held at her home which was attended by JOE DOUGHER, PAUL BOYLAN, FRANK BLIN and OLIVER BOUTTE, who were at that time associated with the Communist Party. Informant T-5 also confirmed the fact of this meeting.

RALPH GLICK, Communist Party Organizer for the Steel industry in Pennsylvania, requested VIVIAN DAHL to hold another meeting at her home on October 18, 1942. It was not determined whether this meeting was actually held or who attended, although the fact that it was to be held was confirmed by Confidential Informant T-5.

Confidential Informant T-1 concluded by stating that among MRS. DAHL's close friends were the following known Communists: RALPH GLICK; SAM DARCY, former Secretary of the Communist Party in Pennsylvania; IKE KASTROW; JOE DOUGHER; BOB COHEN and MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that he was present during the annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council, C.I.O. at York, Pa., April 18 to 20, 1944, and was aware of the Communist Party activities during that Convention. He noted that VIVIAN DAHL was present as a representative of the Wage and Hours Division but stated that her duties consisted of handing out literature pertaining to her work at the Convention and that known Communists did not appear to fraternize with her at that time.

Through Confidential Informant T-4 it was ascertained that MRS. DAHL was a member of the "Daily Worker" Press Club in 1943, registration No. 19862, and also a member of the same Club for 1944, registration No. 6968. It should be noted that Confidential Informant T-3 reported that the "Daily Worker Press Club plan is open to Communist Party members only whereby they receive a reduced rate for their subscription to the Communist Party paper the 'Daily Worker'."

Just prior to her departure from Philadelphia in May 1944, MRS. DAHL, according to Confidential Informant T-6, was requested by HAROLD COLLINS, Director of the Philadelphia School of Social Science, a Communist organized and conducted workers' school in Philadelphia, to teach a course entitled, "Women in Politics". She declined on the grounds that she was going to San

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Francisco in the near future but offered him a pamphlet entitled, "Women's Bureau Publications" in order to help him with the course.

On June 9, 1944, the same informant advised that MRS. DAHL again declined to teach at the school and stated she was leaving on June 10, 1944, the next day, for San Francisco and could be reached in care of the United States Deprtment of Labor.

Through referenced report it was ascertained that MRS. DAHL is presently employed in the office of the National War Labor Board, San Francisco, Cal.

Confidential Informant T-1, who furnished other information noted above, advised that a VIVIAN DAHL was arrested in Camden, N. J., July 14, 1938, case No. 22045. At the time of her arrest, she listed her home as North Bristol, Philadelphia, Pa., and her age as 27. She was charged with circulating circulars without a permit and for disorderly conduct. On July 21, 1938, she was fined $10.00 for the circular charge and $5.00 on the disorderly conduct charge. The records reflected that she paid both fines. On July 25th, she petitioned for a review of her case, and, at a hearing on August 30, 1938, the decision was reversed and the conviction was set aside on both charges. This hearing was held before Judge BALDWIN of the Common Pleas Court.

Informant T-1 further reported that MRS. DAHL was arrested in Bridgeton, N. J. in 1938 for inciting a riot. The disposition of this charge was unknown, but it was reported by the informant that both the Civil Liberties Union and the Industrial Labor Defense participated in her defense on this latter charge.

The above arrest record was furnished by the informant because of the possible fact that the arrests were due to Communist activity on her part.

A review of the indices of the file reveals no further information in the possession of the Philadelphia Field Division on VIVIAN DAHL, and, in accordance with referenced Bureau letter, this matter is being

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At San Francisco, Cal. -

Will continue investigation in this matter and ascertain whether or not MRS. DAHL is presently connected in San Francisco with the Communist Party.

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION:

At Camden, N. J. -

Will obtain all facts surrounding the arrest of VIVIAN DAHL in Camden on July 14, 1938.

At Bridgeton, N. J. -

Will obtain all facts surrounding the arrest of VIVIAN DAHL in Bridgeton in 1938.

Will give expeditious attention to both leads.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

T-1 Report of Pfc. Charles G. Moody, Troop A, Pennsylvania State Police, dated February 21, 1944.

T-2 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-3 Strictly confidential Bureau letter to all field offices dated March 4, 1944, No. 58, Series 1944, reference "Communist Party, U.S.A.".

T-4 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-5 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-6 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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Director, FBI

Philadelphia, Pa.
January 11, 1945

RE:
VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL
Hatch Act-Internal Security C
Bureau File No. 100-298333

Dear Sir:

The captioned individual, the subject of a security index card heretofore maintained at this office, has moved to an address within another field division. Copies of all serials containing important information concerning the subject are being forwarded to the field division office covering subject's new address, together with its copies of this letter.

The Bureau is requested to correct the security index card maintained at the Seat of Government, and the field division office for which copies hereof are designated below is requested to prepare for inclusion in its security index card file a security index card captioned as follows and bearing the appropriate case file number:

DAHL, VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL NATIVE BORN COMMUNIST

1372 Filbert Street
San Francisco, Calif. (Res.)

1355 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif. (Bus.)

Very truly yours,

J. F. SEARS

CRD:bfr

Field Division
San Francisco

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TO: SAC

Date: March 2, 1948

FROM: Special Employee JOHN T. DAVIS

SUBJECT: **VIVIEN DAHL**
SECURITY MATTER-C

On June 27, 1947 through the cooperation of Mr. EUGENE CLAY, Superintendent of the 25th and Moore Streets Receiving Station, Department of Public Works, Special Employee JOHN W. SHIELDS received an address book from a trash cover maintained on the residence of SIDNEY FOX, 2220 Pine St., Philadelphia.

This address book is believed to be in the handwriting of SIDNEY FOX, who until October 6, 1946 was Organizer of Section 11 (Professional Section) District 3, CP, USA. Among the names appearing in this book are active members of the Professional Section.

SIDNEY FOX, a music teacher in the Philadelphia Schools for over 20 years is also active in the Teachers Union, Local #556, United Public Workers of America, CIO, and although not an active member, he at one time wielded great influence in this Union. (Local 556, United Public Workers of America, CIO, was formerly Local 192 American Federation of Teachers, AFL. The charter of Local 192 was revoked on June 7, 1941 because of Communist domination. The known Communists acting in Local 192, after the revocation of the charter formed The Teachers Union of Philadelphia, and in March 1944 secured a charter as Local 556, State, County, and Municipal Workers of America, CIO. On April 23, 1946 the State, County, and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, and the United Federal Workers of America, met in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and on this date both Unions dissolved themselves. The following day, April 24, 1946, both Unions met and merged and formed the United Public Workers of America, CIO). A great many of the names appearing in this book are teachers employed in the Philadelphia Schools.

In several different places in this book there appears only an individual's last name and address. In these instances a memorandum has been placed in the file of all of the persons of the same last name residing at this same address.

The above captioned name appeared in this address book as follows:

Dahl
321 S. 22
Loc. 8029

It is believed that this book was in current use from about 1942 to 1945.

This address book is being retained as an exhibit in the file of SIDNEY FOX, File 100-29789.

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS,
A. F. of L., (Local 359)
ALLENTOWN, PA.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Mr. CHARLES M. SANDWICK, Sr., 819 Spring Garden St., Easton, Pa., a Mathematics teacher in the Easton High School, furnished the following information:

From approximately 1934 until the Fall of 1938 SANDWICK was a teacher in the W.P.A. Adult Education Projects in both Allentown, Pa., and Bethlehem, Pa. A group of high school teachers in Allentown and vicinity had formed Local 359 of the American Federation of Teachers, A. F. of L., but they all left to become affiliated with the Pennsylvania Association of Teachers and during that time the membership of Local 359 was composed almost entirely of teachers in the Adult Education Projects in Allentown, Easton and Bethlehem, all Pa., and their surrounding areas. SANDWICK was the Secretary of this Local and a man named WINSLOW N. HALLETT was its Treasurer.

A minority of the members of this Local, mainly from Allentown and vicinity, were also members of the Communist Party. This Communist minority attempted to dominate the Local and SANDWICK, who was then a Socialist, bitterly opposed them. The members from Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton desired to form their own locals. The Communists opposed this because it would lessen their ability to gain control. However, SANDWICK and his group were able to force through the establishment of branches of Local 359 in each of these cities. However, the branches failed to function and aroused little interest because they were too dependent on the parent local and Local 359 almost ceased existence because of lack of membership.

In the early summer of 1938 a woman named VIVIAN DAHL appeared in Allentown as a State Organizer for the American Federation of Teachers and proceeded to reorganize Local 359 without SANDWICK and his anti-Communist group. VIVIAN DAHL gave as her address the same address as MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN in Philadelphia, Pa., who was then a Regional Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers and was generally known to be a Communist although SANDWICK could furnish no proof of this.

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cc - 100-34641 (WINSLOW N. HALLETT
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100-22727 (VIVIAN DAHL)
100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
100-2463 (WALTER TRUMBULL)
100-2438 (WILBUR A. KLAISS)
100-18591 (BENJAMIN KEEN)
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SANDWICK said the Communists were not interested in Local 359 itself or its welfare but merely wanted to gain bureaucratic control in order to be able to select Communist delegates to regional and national conventions to assist the CP in gaining control of the Union. He said he protested the attempted reorganization to the union's National Office but never knew what the outcome was because he obtained a position in the Easton Schools in the Fall of 1938 and dropped from Local 359.

SANDWICK identified the following members of Local 359 as being Communists but said all this occurred so long ago that he could recall no proof of it:

WALTER TRUMBULL, then of Allentown.

WILBUR A. KLAISS, of Easton, who later became an employee of the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue in Easton and the last SANDWICK heard of him he was working at the C. K. Williams Coal Co., in Easton.

KENNETH SECKLER, then of Allentown, who was an Educational Director for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. SANDWICK said he was always unable to understand how SECKLER was able to pass the scrutiny of DAVID DUBINSKY who was known to be anti-Communist.

BENJAMIN KEEN, then of Bethlehem.

WINSLOW N. HALLETT, then of Allentown, concerning whom a separate memo has been submitted in a Loyalty of Government Employee case in the Philadelphia Office, of which he is the subject.

It may be of interest to the Philadelphia Office that SANDWICK was well acquainted concerning the W.P.A. Educational Projects and those employed on them during the depression years. He is also well acquainted with the unemployment organizations and their officers during that time. He was State Secretary of the Provisional Workers' Alliance of Pennsylvania before it became permanently affiliated with the Worker's Alliance and during the first part of the permanent affiliation. However, he left the Worker's Alliance after about one year when he became convinced that the Communist Party, although it comprised only a small minority of the members, was gaining control.

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HCUA. EARL FUOSS, INVESTIGATOR FOR HCUA, ADVISED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HA BEEN SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR BEFORE OPEN SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD PHI 11/16-18/53 IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN FIEL OF EDUCATION: SADIE ATKINSON (BUFILE 100-391301); DELPHIA AUGENBLICK (BUFILE 100-385977; SARAH CROME (BUFILE 100-215679); HARRY DUBIN (BUFILE 100-193395); ISADORE MELTZER (BUFILE 100-379000); WESLEY RANDALL (BUFILE 100-375375); WILLIAM G. SOLER (BUFILE 100-312179); BESSIE STENSKY (BUFILE 101-2844); SARAH WALSH WEPMAN (BUFILE 100-258789). IN ADDITION, SUBPOENA WAS TO BE SERVED ON ANGELINA INTILLE (BUFILE 100-363873). OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, BUREAU HAS ALL INFORMATION IN POSSESSION PHILA. OFFICE EXCEPT FOLLOWING, ON WHOM CURRENT INFORMATION BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION: CROME, SUBIN, RANDALL AND WEPMAN. DANIEL ASHLER, AKA ALTSHULER (BUFILE 65-5887) ALSO HAS BEEN SERVED WITH SUB-POENA AND STATED HE WELCOMED SUBPOENA AS HE IS NOT A COMMUNIST AND WISHES TO CLARIFY THE RECORD. FUOSS SAID FOR THIS REASON ASHER WILL BE REQUESTED TO TESTIFY IN EXECUTIVE RATHER THAN OPEN SESSION. FUOSS SAID BELLA DODD HAS BEEN SUBPOENAED AND WILL TESTIFY RE CP MEMBERSHIP OF FOLLOWING, FORMERLY TEACHERS.

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FUOSS EMPHASIZED DODD'S INFORMATION OF PAST CP MEMBERSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT. ADELE MARGOLIS (BUFILE 100-349134); LILLIAN LOWENFELS, (BUFILE 100-36448); WILBUR (BUFILE 100-352951) AND ADELINE MAHANEY; ESTHER SOLER (BUFILE 100-34038) MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN (BUFILE 100-154774); GOLDIE WATSON (BUFILE 100-49349); VIVIAN DAHL (BUFILE 100-298333); PAULINE KASAKOFF FEUER (BUFILE 100-217493); NATHAN (BUFILE 100-375901) AND ROSE SHRAGER; SARAH WALSH, AND AARON KREMER OR POSSIBLY KRAMER. IT IS NOTED PHILADELPHIA POSSESSES NO INFORMATION RE KREMER'S CP MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES AND HAS INFORMATION THAT REFLECTS KREMER ONLY AS A "PROMINENT JEWISH POET". IT IS SUGGESTED NY CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF DODD TO SECURE ALL INFORMATION RE INDIVIDUALS SHE WILL MENTION IN HER TESTIMONY PROVIDING BUREAU AND PHILA. WITH DETAILS. WITH REFERENCE TO ABOVE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY DODD, PHILA, IS PREPARING CURRENT REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING: GROSSMAN, WATSON, NATHAN AND ROSE SHRAGER. REMAINDER ARE IN CURRENT REPORTING STATUS. IT IS SUGGESTED NEW ORLEANS, IN CASE PAULINE FEUER, SUBMIT REPORT TO BUREAU IMMEDIATELY, SETTING FORTH ALL CURRENT INFORMATION RE HER CP ACTIVITIES. FUOSS SAID DOROTHY FUNN, BROOKLYN, NY, HAS BEEN SUBPOENAED AND WILL IDENTIFY FOLDIE WATSON AS CP MEMBER. IT IS NOTED FUNN PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN NYC IN JULY 1953 RE CP MEMBERSHIP OF RUSS NIXON.

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cc - 100-30285 (SADIE ATKINSON)
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100-834 (SARAH CROME)
100-32813 (HARRY DUBIN)
100-33382 (ISADORE MELTZER)
100-35670 (WESLEY RANDALL)
100-23967 (WILLIAM G. SOLER)
100-20210 (BESSIE STENSKY)
100-4079 (SARA WALSH WEPMAN)
100-34188 (ANGELINA INTILLE)
100-4956(DANIEL ASHLER)
100-25344 (ADELE MARGOLIS)
100-27238(WILBUR MAHANEY)
100-24396 (LILLIAN LOWENFELS)
100-30068 (ADELINE MAHANEY)
100-29399 (ESTHER SOLER)
100-8535 (MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN)
100-2772 (GOLDIE WATSON)
100-22727 (VIVIAN DAHL)
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Director, FBI 11/13/53

SAC, New York (100-115609)

HOUSE COMMITTEE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Re Philadelphia Airtel, 11/6/53.

BELLA DODD advised that she has been subpoenaed to testify before the HCUA in Philadelphia on 11/16/53. She stated that she does not know specifically what she will testify about and that it is not her desire to mention names in a public hearing.

DODD furnished the following information pertaining to the individuals mentioned in re Airtel:

LILLIAN LOWENFELLS - DODD stated that she did not know her to be a Communist Party (CP) member but that she dealt with her as a CP member. By this, she meant that in all of her dealings with her in connection with matters pertaining to the field of education, that LOWENFELLS always supported the program of the CP. DODD stated that she knew the subject from approximately 1937 to 1942 and that she was a member of the Teachers Union in Philadelphia.

WILBUR MAHANEY - DODD stated that she knew him to be a member of the TU and the CP in Philadelphia. She stated that she has attended TU conventions and conferences with him during the period 1938 to 1940. She also advised that she knew his wife, ADELINE MAHANEY during this same period and that she was a member of the TU and the CP. DODD stated that she never saw CP membership cards of the MAHANEYS, but that she considered them to be CP members because they attended conferences of the TU at which only Party people were present.

ESTHER SOLER - DODD stated that she vaguely recalls dealing with this individual as a CP member on matters pertaining to the field of education and the TU. DODD stated that she only vaguely remembers this individual and can recall no other information concerning her.

MARRY FOLEY GROSSMAN - DODD advised that GROSSMAN was the leader of the TU in Philadelphia and that she was also a CP member. DODD stated that she has attended CP meetings with GROSSMAN, although she can not recall specific occasions or dates. The informant advised that the subject married a Jewish artist who was also a CP member. DODD stated that the subject was educated as a Catholic and that, although she has no basis for her opinion, she believes that she is probably out of the Party and that her

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husband is still a member

GOLDIE WATSON - The informant stated that she knew this individual from approximately 1938 to 1942 as a CP member and as a member of the TU. DODD advised that she was a Negro School teacher and that she dealt with her as a CP member on educational matters.

VIVIAN DAHL - DODD advised that she knew her as a CP and TU member from approximately 1948 to 1942. She said that DAHL was not a teacher and that she was an organizer for both the TU and CP. The informant advised that she attended CP and TU meetings with DAHL in both Philadelphia and New York.

PAULINE KASAKOFF FEUR - DODD advised that she recalls this subject as a TU member in Philadelphia during the late 1930's and early 1940's and that she assumes she was a CP member because she supported the CP program in the field of education.

NATHAN SHRAGER - DODD stated that she never knew this individual as a CP member, although she knew him as a TU member from approximately 1938 to 1942. She stated that she also knew ROSE SHRAGER as a TU member during the same period and that she did not know her as a CP member.

SARAH WALSH - DODD stated that WALSH married a man by the name of WEPMAN. She stated that WALSH was a CP member and was second in command of the TU in Philadelphia. DODD stated that she has attended TU conventions and CP meetings with this subject during 1938 to 1942. She said that WALSH evidently pushed MARY GROSSMAN out of control of the Philadelphia TU.

AARON KRAMER - DODD stated that she knew KRAMER as a TU and CP member during 1938 to 1941 and that she attended CP meetings, although she could not recall any specific meetings. She stated that KRAMER was a good friend of SARAH WALSH.

DODD has requested that the above information be kept confidential. She also suggested that the following individuals might be willing to co-operate with the Bureau if they were contacted by Bureau Agents:

ADELINE and WILBUR MAHANEY, MARY FOLEY GROSSMAN, and PAULINE KASAKOFF FEUR.

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Best possible image.

Letter to Director
NY 100-115609

The above is being submitted for the information of the Philadelphia Office in the event that consideration may be given towards interviewing the above mentioned subjects.

DODD stated that the above was all the information that she could recall concerning the individuals mentioned in re Airtel.

cc: 100-25344 (ADELE MARGOLIS)
100-24396 (LILLIAN LOWENFELS)
100-23644 (Teachers Union of Philadelphia)
100-27238 (WILBUR MAHANEY)
100-30068 (ADELINE MAHANEY)
100-29399 (ESTHER SOLER)
100-8535 (MARY GROSSMAN)
100-19463 (ROY GROSSMAN, Sr.)
100-2772 (GOLDIE WATSON)
100-22727 (VIVIAN DAHL)
100-8473 (PAULINE FEUR)
100-30084 (NATHAN SHRAGER)
100-30092 (ROSE SHRAGER)
100-4079 (SARAH WALSH WEPMAN)
100-new (AARON KRAMER)
100-38955 (Commfil of Education)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29833)3 per 0-17 1-28-54 January 21, 1954

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35061)

VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL, Aka
Mrs. Leif Arthur Dahl,
Wa. Jane Allen
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau form 01 dated November 13, 1953 which advised that subject was being considered by the HCUA, Philadelphia for subpoena.

Records U. S. Post Office, 7th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, California, reflect that a change of address for subject was submitted August 22, 1953 changing subject's address from 319 Nevada Street to 1040 14th Street, San Francisco, California.

EUGENE W. DEL SECCO, 3239 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, realtor, advised that he handled the selling of subject's home, 319 Nevada Street, San Francisco, and is presently collecting money on the mortgage and remitting the money to the subject. He advised on January 12, 1954 that subject is presently residing at 1040 14th Street, San Francisco, California.

For the information of Philadelphia, San Francisco is office of origin. Subject is not included in the Security Index. Subject reportedly defected from the Communist Party in 1945. Subject is divorced from LEIF ARTHUR DAHL as of June 15, 1951. Subject was interviewed under oath July 5, 1945 by Bureau Agents in connection with a Hatch Act investigation and, at that time denied membership in the Communist Party or Communist Political Association. In April, 1951, subject was interviewed by the San Francisco Police Department and refused to answer questions regarding the Communist Party or Communist Political Association as it might put her "in a funny light". Her statement "in a funny light" was believed to refer to her testimony in 1945 under oath. Subject in April, 1952 refused to disclose any information concerning her past or present associations on interview by Bureau agents.

Philadelphia is requested to determine from the Liaison representative of the H.C.U.A. whether or not the H.C.U.A. intends to subpoena subject from San Francisco to Philadelphia. If so, San Francisco will submit a summary type report.

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CC: PHILADELPHIA (100-22727)

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re WFO Left to Bureau advised HCUA 12-11-53

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Director, FBI (100-298333) February 9, 1954

SAC, Philadelphia (100-22727)

VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL,
aka Mrs. Leif Arthur Dahl,
wa. Jane Allen;
SM - C
(Origin - San Francisco)

Re San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 1/21/54.

Washington Field Office, by letter to Bureau dated 12/11/53 captioned "HCUA," listed the names of 20 individuals who have been subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and who testified at open hearings of the HCUA in Philadelphia, November 14-16, 1953. In this letter, WFO also furnished the names of 24 other individuals who had been subpoenaed by the HCUA but who did not testify at the open hearings in Philadelphia. It is anticipated that these individuals will testify before the HCUA at Washington, D.C., since their subpoenas are still in effect.

It is noted that the subject's name was not included among the 24 individuals under subpoena who are expected to be called to testify before the HCUA regarding Communist infiltration of the teaching profession in Philadelphia.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-298333) 3/10/54

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35061)

VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL, aka, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: San Francisco

Remylet to Philadelphia, 1/21/54 and Philadelphia letter to San Francisco dated 2/9/54.

Philadelphia letter sets forth that subject was not subpoenaed to testify in Philadelphia and that her name was not among those listed as being under subpoena to testify in Washington, D. C. This case is being closed UACB.

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CC: Philadelphia (100-22727) cl. pmk

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SAC, San Francisco (100-42928) 5/17/57

SAC, Philadelphia (100-20724)

MYER RAVETZ, was., Gus Ravets,
Meyer Ravitz, Gus Ravitz
SECURITY MATTER - C

(OO: Philadelphia)

Reurlet 4/29/57.

For the information of the Newark Division, the subject has been reported to be operating a linen supply service catering to the Pacific Far East Lines cruise ship "Lelani," which operates between San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Honolulu, T.H.

Information had been furnished to the San Francisco Division that in the past the subject had some contact with the Communist Party in the Philadelphia area.

In the San Francisco area the subject contracts his laundry work to one ANTHONY MAGGIO, owner of the Sequoia Laundry in Redwood City, Calif. Files of the San Francisco Division indicate that MAGGIO formerly resided in the Philadelphia area.

It was also determined by San Francisco that the subject in his business contacts furnished as his local phone, the number listed to VIVIAN ELLIS DAHL, a security subject of the San Francisco Division, who also resided at one time in the Philadelphia area, Philadelphia file 100-22727.

San Francisco requested that the Philadelphia Division furnish San Francisco with any pertinent information concerning these individuals which will aid in this investigation.

4 - San Francisco (REGISTERED MAIL)
(2 - 100-42928 (MYER RAVETZ)
(1 - 100-35061 (VIVIAN DAHL)
(1 - 100-657 (ANTHONY MAGGIO)
2 - Newark (REGISTERED MAIL) (100-5320 MYER RAVETZ)
2 - Philadelphia (100-22727) VIVIAN DAHL)
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For the information of the San Francisco Division, subject is currently a Security Index subject of the Philadelphia Division.

Subject was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 3/25/53 and on 7/10/53. In the first interview subject exhibited a friendly attitude and admitted that he joined the Communist Party in about 1934. He said, however, he had not been active in the CP since 1943. RAVETZ said he made his last contribution to the CP in 1952 and had made none since. Subject declared his loyalty to the United States, and said he would support this country in any conflict with Russia. RAVETZ further said he would cooperate with the FBI if he could accept the idea that the CP constitutes a threat to the U. S. Government. When recontacted on 7/10/53, subject said he could not accept the latter principle and, therefore, would not cooperate with the FBI.

Subject was retained on the Security Index because of his statement to Bureau Agents that he contributed money to the CP in 1952 and information from a reliable source that subject stated in about October 1953 that he had not been active in CP affairs for more than six months.

Subject is described as follows:

Name:	MYER RAVETZ
Aliases:	Gus Ravets, Meyer Ravitz, Gus Ravitz
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'
Weight:	190 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Birthdate:	5/20/07
Birthplace:	Philadelphia, Pa.
Marital Status:	Married - MIRIAM RAVETZ (wife)
Relatives:	Son - JEROME RAYMOND RAVETZ
	Daughter - Mrs. SIDNEY S. BROWN, 6109 Williams Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Brothers - DR. ELKIN RAVETZ,
2003 North 33rd Street
Philadelphia, Pa.;
- WILLIAM K. RAVETZ,
Philadelphia;
- SIDNEY RAVETZ, California;
- NATHAN RAVETZ, Mt. Penn, Pa.

Social Security Number: 150-10-3476
Last known Residence: 422 Hamel Avenue, North Hills, Pa.
Last known Employment: Unknown
Formerly Manager, Star Towel Supply and Laundry Company, 32nd Street and Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia.

VIVIAN WELLS DAHL (PH 100-22727) (SF 100-35061) is a Security subject of the San Francisco Division, and San Francisco was sent all pertinent information concerning her in the report of SA ROBERT H. DREHER, dated 9/21/44 at Philadelphia, captioned, "VIVIAN BEATRICE WILL DAHL, Wage Rate Analyst, National War Labor Board; Hatch Act."

The report of SA HARRY E. WELSH, dated 4/24/52 at Newark, captioned, "ANTHONY MAGGIO; Application For Pardon After Completion of Sentence," cc San Francisco, reflects that ANTHONY MAGGIO was the manager of the Sequoia Laundry, Redwood, Calif.

Philadelphia file 100-0-31950A reflects that a copy of an Alien Enemy Questionnaire Form for ANTHONY MAGGIO was sent to the Newark Division as an enclosure to a letter dated 10/30/43.

There were no other subversive references pertaining to ANTHONY MAGGIO in the Philadelphia Division indices, and the above-mentioned report which was sent to you by Newark contains the basic information pertaining to ANTHONY MAGGIO in the files of the Philadelphia Division.

The above-mentioned report, 4/24/52, reflects that MAGGIO resided at 506 South 6th Street, Vineland, N. J., from 1943 to 1948, and per Assistant U. S. Attorney's file at 527 Scott Street, Redwood, Calif.; 53 Perry Street, Redwood City, and 140 Hillcrest Drive, San Carlos, all California since October 1948.

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Therefore, it is requested that the Newark Division supply the San Francisco Division with any subversive information and/or other pertinent references for ANTHONY MAGGIO.

The San Francisco Division should verify subject's employment and ascertain his residence.

The Philadelphia Division will submit FD-128, pertinent serials, and a current report to San Francisco after they have verified subject's residence and employment. - P -

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